GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5741
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PRESERVATION OF HAMPI MONUMENTS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has decided to form the Hampi Development Authority for the systematic development of Hampi, conservation of the monuments and providing facilities for tourists;

(b) if so, whether this step has been taken following the fiat from the UNESCO that Hampi would be deleted from the list of World Heritage Sites if steps are not taken to protect the ancient monuments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are providing any financial assistance for reviving the glory of these sites; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) No final decision has been taken by the Government of Karnataka in this regard.

(b)&(c) No, Sir. A suggestion to form a Hampi Development Authority was made during the proceedings of the World Heritage Site Management Work Shop held in October 2000 at Hospet in Bellary district of Karnataka.

(d)&(e) Under Conservation programme, for day-to-day maintenance and structural repairs of centrally protected monuments at Hampi following expenditure is incurred during the last three years:

1998-1999	Rs.18,78,056
1999-2000	Rs.27,10,337
2000-2001	Rs.25,90,083